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CERT. NO. 564696

PENSIONER: Cornelia McCaskill now Canty

formerly Widow OF

VETERAN: Silas McCaskill

CAN NO: 48715

BUNDLE NO: 18

3—1081.

PENSIONER DROPPED.

United States Pension Agency,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Jan 23, 1904

Certificate No. 564696

Class Widow - GL

Pensioner Cornelia Mc Caskill 2nd Canty

Soldier Silas Mc Caskill

Service Pvt Co K 3 US C V Cav

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the above-named pensioner who was last paid at $ 8, to 18 Dec, 1876 has been dropped because of re-marriage on 18 Dec 1876.

Very respectfully,

L. J. Wilder

United States Pension Agent.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date of death when known.

Algr.

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~~Howard~~ Ex'r.

~~Pvt.~~ No. 709968

Acts of July 14, 1862, and March 3, 1873.

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Cornelia McCaskill

Greenwood, Leflore Co, Miss.

Widow

Silas McCaskill

K ~~Ill~~. 3. U.S.C. Cav.

Died ~~at~~ in service

no other claim.

Dec 23 1899 Max

Clerk.

Application filed: Dec. 12, 1899.

Attorney: Nathan Bickford

P. O. Washington

D.C.

~~Ky.~~

~~Pvt.~~

MD. Notified 12-27-99

VA. Jan 4. 1900 A.G.

W. VA.

Jan 9. 1900. To atty Bickford

N. C. for mge-prior Mges. divorce-

S. C. remgs-births. Children living

FLA. ~~personal description of soldier~~ (3)

cert.

GA. Clk Third Hon Hd money

ALA. for correct service.

MISS. Sells

LA. Aug 30. 01. on 2nd Auditon.

TEX. Atty for address of Mrs Baugh Enq.

KY. & identity of clk with P. Wallace

TENN. & if any intervening mge.

MO. 2-13-02 Record for bal Enq

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ARK. ~~atty for births & if living~~ Enq.

June 18, 02,

D. C. on second audition

Enq.

U.S.C.T.

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S. S. W.

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Jan 2 3, 1904
Remarriage

Cornelia McCaskill late Canty
formerly Widow of
Silas D McCaskill

Rank Priv

Company K

Regiment 3rd U.S.C. Vol Cav

Rate per Month $ 8

Commencing May 21, 1864

Ending Dec 18, 1876 date
of remarriage

Knoxville Agency.

Issued Dec 28, 1903.

Mailed Jan. 2, 1904.

Fee, $ 25

(383-25,000)

Wid. orig. 709,968
Cornelia McCaskill, now Canty.
Silas McCaskill.
K-3rd U.S.C. Vol. Cav.
Greenwood. Leflore Co. Miss.

Greenwood Miss, Dec. 3rd 1903.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.
Washington D.C.
Sir:

I have the honor to return with this report the papers in the above cited claim. Soldier died in service and claim is under the general law.

A claim for pay & bounty was allowed in favor of the alleged father of soldier, who appears from the testimony herewith to have been a rank impostor. Special Examination was ordered to determine identity of soldier & claimant's husband, legal widowhood, whether claimant was the person who married George Canty in 1876, and dates of births of children & dates of deaths of those deceased since soldiers death. Papers came to me by transfer for the initial examination.

Claimant was served with the usual notice, and her rights in the examination were fully explained to her. She heard the depositions of Alfred Harris and Jake M. McGhee, and waived further presence and notice. She bears a very good reputation for a

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woman of her race & class. She is very ig-
norant & not very bright, but I think she
tried to tell me the truth. Her former mistress
Mrs Henrietta Baugh, is a bright intelligent old lady
of very good reputation. She takes a very friendly
interest in the claimant who was a favorite house
servant, but did not appear unduly biased.
J. C. Harris Sr. was a son-in-law of old Col.
Greenwood Leflore, and was at one time a man of
means. I have been told that he has helped in
a good many local pension claims. He claims
that it is entirely a matter of good-will toward
the old time negroes, but it has been intimated
to me that it is not altogether a matter of
benevolence with him; that he gets a "rake off"
on the claims he helps through. His standing
in the community seems to be good however,
so I hardly know how much confidence to
put in the report. He seemed to be conservative
in his statements.

From the evidence presented it is evident
that claimant was soldier's wife until he
enlisted, and remained his widow till her
marriage to George Canty. There is nothing
to show that soldier had any wife in
service during the few months he lived
after enlistment.

There is no positive information to be obtained

as to dates of births of children, or date of death of the boy Jack. From the testimony obtained and conversations with the parties I think Jack must have died in the fall of 1868, when about seven years old. If Jake were two and a half years older it would make him sixteen in 1874 or 1875. There is no way of settling these dates positively. Whatever records Mrs. Baugh had she destroyed some years ago, and the claimant is too ignorant to know anything about it.

The man Philip Hart who obtained the bounty has been dead ten years or more as I am informed by the Post Master at Phoenix, and the Post Master at Vicksburg was unable to locate the identifying witness.

The claimant swears positively that she was married to George Canty on Christmas Day, but cannot tell the year, and the blurred, blackened, and almost undecipherable marriage record gives the same date. I am satisfied that none of her people could have given her the date from that as the writing was miserable and almost illegible. The certified copy of the license shows the marriage to have been performed Nov. 18th 1876, two weeks before the license was issued. This was probably a mistake due to the ignorance of the party who filled out the return blank. The minister could not write and his

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name is signed "Aftor" Harris instead of Alfred Harris.

As further testimony would apparently be only cumulative I did not take any. I recommend consideration of the Chief of the Board of Review.

Very respectfully,

F. E. McLaughlin,

Special Examiner.

N. B.—Examiners should be particular to have affiants sign on the line next below the closing words of their depositions so as to leave little or no space between their signatures and the end of their depositions.

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(Old No. 3—456.)

DEPOSITION .....

Case of Cornelia McCaskill Now Canty, No. 709.968

On this 16th day of October, 1903, at Greenwood, County of Leflore State of Miss, before me, F. E. McLaughlin a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Cornelia McCaskill, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am about 70 years of age; my post-office address is Greenwood, Miss. I live about 6 miles from Greenwood. I do what I can at farming. I can't do much. I am trying to get a pension as the widow of Silas McCaskill. He was a soldier in the Civil War, but I don't know what regiment or company he was in. When I was a girl, before I was married, my name was Cornelia McCaskill. I was Allen McCaskill's house girl. His place was five miles So. West from Carrollton, Carroll County, Miss. I belonged to him all the time from when I was a baby till I was free. My husband Silas McCaskill belonged to Allen McCaskill too. He was not brought up on the place, was a bought man. I don't know where McCaskill bought him. He told me he was a McGhee before McCaskill bought him, ~~and~~ and I don't know anything about his folks at all. He was some older than me, the white folks said, but I don't know how much. He was a young man when McCaskill bought him. He was a field hand. I don't know how old I was when I married him. I never knew how old I was until after freedom. My "old master" told me then I was 31 years old. Yes sir, I was married to Silas. We were married by Jack Ransom, a colored preacher who lived on the McCaskill place. Silas was there a year or two before he had me. I don't know as he had any wife before. He never told me he did.

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Page No sah! I never had any man before him. Jack Ransom is dead. I was married in "de white folks' house." Nobody there but the white folks, Old Master, Allen McCaskill, and his wife, and my mother & father. McCaskill is dead. His wife is living now in Carrollton, Mrs. Baugh now. My father & mammy was there but both of em done die. There was no one else there. Silas and I lived together as husband and wife till he went off to the war, and neither one of us took up with anyone else during that time. Silas was called Silas McGhee some, and Silas McCaskill some. ~~Hit~~ We had seven children. Jake was the oldest and he is the only one living now. I have no record of his age. He was about seven or eight years old when freedom was declared. Jack was the next. Jake was walking about and talking when Jack was born. Jack died when he was about seven years old. I don't know the date he died. Then Becky was born, but she did not live a month. The next one died the next day after it was born, was not named. The next one died the same way. I made a "misdeal" of three or four of 'em the same way. Some of them were named, but just as soon as they were named ~~they~~ died. There was Milly, & Sally. No there was none of the others named. The girls and boys all died when they were babies but Jake & Jack. I don't know when Silas went away, but it was when the Yankee soldiers came through by the old place & he and all the other colored men went away with them. I never saw him again. Old Marse got a letter that Silas was dead before he (McCaskill) died, and he died first year after freedom. The white folks done told me he was dead. After the war I saw men who were with him in the army, and knew he died there. Steve Harris, who lives about eight miles from here in Carroll Co. I think his P.O. is Valley Hill. He lives on Mr. Bingham's place. Isaac Harris was with him too. He is on Leflore's place, at Leflore Sta. Carroll Co. Jim Leflore who

lives near Malmaison was with him too. Jake told me about him. I don't know anyone but Steve + Ike. They told me he died at Haines' Bluff. After old master died I stayed with old mistress two or three years + cooked for her. Then I came to my brother Joe McCaskill, who lived on Mr. Harris' place, and learned to farm. I stayed there until he died. I can't tell how long that was. I am getting so old I can't tell anything about time any more. Just a week or two before my brother died I married George Canty, and went to live with him about a mile from where my brother died, not more than half a mile from here. I was called Cornelia McCaskill up to the time I married George Canty. We were married by old man Alfred Harris, a colored minister, who lives out in the back woods, about a mile & a half from here. Yes we had a license. Geo. Canty went by the name of Geo. McCaskill too. He belonged to Peter McCaskill a brother of my master. Yes, Geo. had been married before, his wife's name was Patsy McCaskill. She had "been died" three years when he married me, so George said. She had died out in the hills, after I came to live with my brother. I don't know what year it was, how long after the war, or how long ago it was. No, sah. Geo. and I did not have any children. I never had any but by Silas, and those were all born before he went off to the army. I lived with George Canty till he died. I can't remember when he died. but I have got it put down in a book.

Attest.

John. Oliver
J. M. McGehee

his
Cornelia X McCaskill now Canty
mark.
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of Oct. 1903., and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F. E. McLaughlin
Special Examiner.

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3—290.
(Old No. 3—456.)

DEPOSITION .....

Case of Cornelia McCaskill, No. .....

On this ..... *day of* ....., *190---, at*

....., *County of* .....

State of ....., *before me,* .....

a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Claimant continued, *who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to h..... during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: I am* .....

years of age; my post-office address is Shown on old, smoked, + badly written + blotted family register, framed, which has under marriages, as near as I can decipher it, "M. Married, Dec. the 25th 1870, or 1875, or 1876 (undecipherable) to Cornelia the Widder McGhee, married by Rev. A. H. Harris", and under deaths, "George Canty — — Jan the 13th (?) 1892" F. & M.) I don't know the year, but I married George on Christmas Day, and he died in January eleven years ago. (This without knowing what was on the "register" F. & M.) Silas and George were the only two men I ever married. No. sah, I never lived or took up with any other man. All the time George lived we were in the same house. I stayed there one year after he died and then came here to my son Jake McGhee's, and have lived here ever since. I own no property whatever. Geo. left me seven head of cattle, but they got over into Carroll County, and were taken up, + I couldn't pay the "pasture fee", so I lost them all. Mr. Ray owns this place, and I work what I can on the place, but my son does about all the work, and supports me. The law don't compel him to, but "I'm his mammy" and if it was not for him I would be in the poor house. — Silas never told me where he came from except that he came from Alabama. He never told me his father's or mother's name, or whether he had brothers or sisters. He was a yellow man, straight black hair, black eyes, a

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Page short heavy chunky man. He was shorter than I was, and when he went away had a black curly beard all around his face. I don't know how old he was, or how much older than I he was. I tried to get his pay as a soldier + bounty money, but couldn't get it. Mr. Linn Tuttle of Carrollton tried to get it for me. I got a letter from Chief of Washington that Philip Hart got his bounty. Mrs. Baugh told me that he stole it. Philip Hart was one of her slaves when she was Mrs McCaskill but was never upon that plantation. He was a rascal, a "crop eared" nigger, was sold for stealing. He was no kin to Silas. He was real black, * was bought about the same time Silas was. Mrs Baugh can tell all about him. He knew me, and knew I was married to Silas all right enough. I never heard of Kizziah Green or Edmund Daniels. We never had such on that place. I have heard the above read and it is correct. "Words" after he died" + "Linn" interlined before signing.

Attest.

Josh. Oliver

J. W. McGhee

Her

Cornelia X McCaskill now Canty

Mark

Subscribed + sworn to before me this 16th day of October 1903, + I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F. E. McLaughlin

Special Examiner

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(Old No. 3—446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCaskill now Canty No. 709,968

On this 17th day of October, 1903, at Greenwood, county of Leflore State of Miss., before me, F. E. McLaughlin, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Hampton McCaskill, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 68 years of age. P.O. Address. Greenwood Miss. I am a farmer. I served as a private in Co. L. 3rd U.S.C. Cav. I enlisted at Haines Bluff, just above Vicksburg on the Yazoo River, early in the spring of the year after Vicksburg was captured, and was discharged at Memphis Tenn. after two years and a half of service. I think that was what our captain told us. We were discharged in the fall. I can't tell the date or year. Cornelia McCaskill is my half sister. We had the same mother, Peggy McCaskill. My father's name they told me was Plato. I have been told her father's name was Adam. The first I can remember I was on the Allen McCaskill plantation between five & six miles this side, west, of Carrollton in the hills country. I lived there on that plantation until I went away to join the army. Cornelia was on the same plantation all that time, but was more in the house, a cook & house girl. She married a man on the plantation named Si McGhee. Yes, I suppose Silas was his name. I called him Si. He was a field hand. He was a kind of yellow fellow, a "heavy set" man, kind of short. No, he was not as dark as Jake, nor so tall. I should think he might have been on the place two or three years before he married Cornelia. He was a bought man, came there a grown man. I don't know where he was born, or where he had lived, or where McCaskill bought him. If he ever told me I have forgotten. He said he had belonged a Mr. McGhee, but where, I don't know. I knew when they were married, though I don't know as I saw it. They were married by Jack Ransom, or Jack McCaskill. It was Jack Ransom, not Jack McCaskill, an old colored preacher. I think they were married in the "nigger quarters", not in the white folks

house. Q. Cornelia says they were married in the White folks house. A. Does she? I thought it was in our cabin, but she knows more of it than I do. Well, they were called husband + wife, and lived together until he went off with me to the army. We came down here to Greenwood + got on a boat and went down to Haine's Bluff and enlisted, he in Co. K. I think, and I in Co. L., 3rd U. S. C. Cav. We stayed there perhaps three months drilling, and then we were divided, some of the companies left at Haines Bluff, and others sent down the Yazoo and over across the Miss. River to Louisiana. Silas' company was left at Haines Bluff and mine was sent away, and that was the last I saw of him. We came back to Vicksburg after about a year or more + found the rest of the regiment there. I missed Silas and asked where he was, and was told he was dead. No one ever told me whether he died at Haines Bluff or Vicksburg, whether he was killed or died of disease. I can't tell whether he enlisted as Silas McGhee or Silas McCaskill. Being in a different company I never heard his name called at roll call. There is no one around here that I know of who was in that company. There were four fellows missing, I think all of that company, who had come from the same plantation with me, when we got together again. Silas they said was dead. Larry was shot + killed, and Key + Stephen McCaskill had deserted. Key + Stephen I heard from last year, over around Carrollton somewhere. There was Jim Rice, a well-posted fellow, a bought man on the plantation, a yellow man, who went in Co. K. He stayed behind in Memphis when we came away, but where he is now I don't know. If he is alive + could be found he would know more about Silas in the army than any man I know. I did not come back to my folks till more than four years after I was discharged. Then I found them out here near where Cornelia lives now. She was living with my brother Joe and worked some for him on the farm, and some for old Mistress

Hampton McCaskill

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of October, 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F. E. McLaughlin.

Special Examiner.

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General Affidavit.

State of Mississippi } ss:
County of Warren }

In the matter of Bounty claim of Philips Hart father of Silas Mc Caskill priv. Co. A 3rd U. S. Col. Cav'y.-

Personally came before me, a Circuit Clerk in and for aforesaid County and State, Kizziah Green aged 67 years, and citizen of the Town of Vicksburg, County of Warren, State of Mississippi, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

Nancy who was the wife of Philips Hart, and myself were born the slaves of Peter P. Philips of Maryland. We were sold when small girls to a Slave Trader who took us to Tennessee, and sold us, She to David Bragg, and myself to Richard Murrell. Bragg and Murrell lived about three miles apart. Philips, afterwards called Philips Hart was the slave of David Bragg, when He bought Nancy. I was present when Philips and Nancy were married. I knew their three children, Silas, Tilford, and Rachel, who died about six months after Her birth. I was with Nancy when she died. They were married in about the year 1828, their first child Silas was born one year afterwards, their 2d child Tilford

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was born about two years after their first and the 3rd Rachel, was born about Eighteen months after the 2d and lived about six months. I was with Nancy when she died, which was I think in the year 1847. After the death of David Bragg, Philip and his two sons Silas & Tilford were sold to Wm Hart, who also bought Edmund Daniels from J. Bateman. After the death of Wm Hart, Philip and his two sons were sold to Slave traders and taken away, the same traders also bought Edmund Daniels, I saw no years when he died and we were sold by his Heirs to Ferguson & Laird, Slave traders who took us to New Orleans La. and there sold all four of us to Allen McCaskell, who lived in Carroll County Mississippi; where and with whom we were living when the Civil War commenced in 1861. After Philip was sold to William Hart he took and, Kept the name of Philip Hart. and has been called and known only by that name ever since, his two sons Silas and Tilford, after they became the slaves of Allen McCaskell took and Kept the name of McCaskell and from that time to their death were known only by the name of Silas McCaskell and Tilford McCaskell. Silas McCaskell died at the Prentiss House Hospital in Vicksburg

Mississippi; some time in the Summer of 1864, and Tilford Mc-Caskell died in the same year and about one month before the death of Silas Mc-Caskill. I was with each of them when they died and knew them to be the sons of Philip Hart and Nancy his deceased wife. Neither Silas Mc-CasKell or Tilford Mc-CasKell were ever married. After the Surrender of Vicksburg to the Federal Troops, Philip Hart his two sons Silas and Tilford Mc-CasKell and myself left Mc-CasKell's place in Carroll County Miss. and came into the City of Vicksburg where I have ever since, and do now live. Philip Hart remained in Vicksburg until the close of the War when he went on the A. Bazinsky Place about four miles S.E. of Vicksburg and remained there until 1872 when he moved to W. Sam Manly place in the northern part of this, Warren County, where he now lives, he was never married after the death of his wife Nancy.

And I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

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Robt. J. March

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that she is a creditable person and is reputed in the community in which she resides. –

Witness my hand and official seal this 19 day of March, 1886.

Chas. Lehman
Circuit Clerk

Seal.

General Affidavit

State of Mississippi }
County of Warren } ss

In the matter of Bounty Claim of Philip Hart as father of Silas McCaskill, Priv. Co. "A." 3rd U. S. Col. Cav.

Personally came before me, a circuit clerk in and for aforesaid County and State, Edmund Daniels, aged 72 years..... citizen of the Town of Vicksburg, County of Warren State of Mississippi, well known to me to be

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reputable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case, as follows: I have known Philip Hart all my life and knew his wife Nancy from her early girlhood to her death, they were the Slaves of David Bragg. who lived in Sulivan County Tenn.
I was the Slave of Jonathan Baufman who was a Brother-in-law of David Brag and owned and lived on the Plantation adjoining that of David Bragg, in said Sulivan County, Ten. I was present when Philip Hart and Nancy were married. I cant state the day of the month, the month or the year of their marriage, but it was about four years before the falling of the Stars, which occured as well as I can remember in the year (1832) eighteen hundred and thirty two. I was at the time of their marriage about Eighteen years old. I am now seventy two years old.
Before we were sold, as will be hereinafter stated, we saw each other at least once a week. Afterwards we were together almost daily. Philip Hart and Nancy his wife lived and cohabited together as Husband and wife from their marriage, until her death which occurred a short while before the close of the war, between the United States and Mexico.
They had born to them three children, two

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Boys and one girl, Viz: Silas, who was born about one year after their marriage, Tilford who was born about two years after the birth of Silas; and Rachel who was born about eighteen months after the birth of Tilford, and died when she was about six months old. About three years after the death of Nancy, Philips's wife; David Bragg died, and his heirs sold Philips and his two sons Silas and Tilford to Wm Hart, and my owner Jonathan Baufman sold me to Wm Hart. We were the slaves of Wm Hart about five more of them, after this sale until the year 1863, after the surrender of Vicksburg to General Grant, I moved into Vicksburg from the plantation of Judge Noland who had some time before the War bought me from Slave traders, who got me from the heirs of Richard Murrell. Judge Noland's place was on Big Black River in Warren County, Mississippi. Shortly after coming into Vicksburg I met Philip Hart, by which name I had known him in Tennessee and his two sons, Silas Mc Caskell, and Tilford Mc Caskell by which names I had also known them in Tennessee, and Edmund Daniels. I did not see Silas and Tilford after their death. Philip Hart remained in Vicksburg

until the close of the war when he went to the country, first to the Bazzinsky place and then to the Sam Manley place where he now lives. Edmund Daniels remained in Vicksburg where he now lives. I was seventy two years old last August. Silas and Telford McCaskell were never married. Philip Hart has not had a wife since he came to Vicksburg in 1863, If he had one before that time and after the death of Nancy, I never heard of it, And I further declare that I have no interest in said case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

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Edmund x Daniels.
mark.

Cooley Mann
Robt. J. March

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted him with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is a creditable person and so reputed in the community in which he resides.

Witness my hand and official seal this 19th day of March 1886.

Chas. Lehman,
Circuit Clerk.

seal.

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Fathers or Mother's Claim for Arrears of Pay and Bounty.

State of Mississippi, County of Warren, ss.

On this 6th day of March 1884 before me a Circuit Clerk in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared, Phillip Hart a resident of Phoenix County of Yazoo, State aforesaid, who being duely sworn according to law, declares that he is the Father and nearest Kin of Silas Mc Caskill who was a Private of Company "A." commanded by Captain Haynes in the 3" Regiment of U.S.C. Volunteers, commanded by ..... That the said Silas Mc Caskill, volunteered at .... on or about the 28th day of February 1863 for Three Years and died at Vicksburg Miss. Prentiss Hospital on or about the _ day of June 1863. while in said service. That the said Silas Mc Caskill left surviving Him no widow, or children, other than above declarant.

This declaration is made for the purpose of obtaining the Arrears of Pay, Bounty Money, Extra Pay, and all other arrearages or sums of money due by reason of services of the Soldier above named, and hereby constitutes and appoints Green B. Raum of Washington D. C. Attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this claim, and authorizes him to receive and receipt for any draft or

certificate that may issue, payable to the order of the claimant, for whatever sum may be allowed on the same. That the Post-Office address of applicant is Phoenix County of Yazoo, State of Miss.

J. V. McAllister.
W. W. Coody.

Phillips his X mk. Hart

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written, and on the same day personally came Jeff Thomas a resident of Vicksburg Miss. and Edward Daniels a resident of Vicksburg Miss. who being duly sworn according to law, declare that they are personally acquainted with Phillips Hart who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration and know that he is the Father and nearest of Kin of Silas McCaskell who was a Pvt. in Captain Haynes Company "A." of the 3rd Regiment of U.S.C. Troops Volunteers and who died or was killed while in the service of the United States, as stated in said declaration; that the said Silas McCaskill left surviving him no widow or child or children other than above declarant. That their knowledge of their identity as heir of the soldier named is derived from — . we have known all the parties for twenty-six or seven years having resided on the adjoining plantation

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and seen them continually. That they reside as above stated, and are disinterested in this claim.

W. W. Coody
J. V. McAllister.

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Jeff X Thomas
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Edmund X Daniels
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of March A. D. 1884, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words . . . . . added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

Chas. Lehman
Circuit Clerk
11th Judiciary District
Mississippi.

Treasury Department
Office of the Auditor for the War Dept.
June 23rd 1902.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original papers on file in this office.

F. E. RITTMAN

Auditor,
E. P. Sims
Deputy Auditor.

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(Old No. 3—459.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Greenwood, Miss
Oct. 16th, 1903

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Cornelia McCaskill now Canty, No. 709,968

To Cornelia McCaskill, *Claimant:*

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1903, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Greenwood, County of Leflore and State of Miss., and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all available and material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf if you so desire.

F. E. McLang
Special Examiner.

I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 16th day of Oct., 1903

and desire the examination to begin ~~on the~~ at once

Attest Leah. Oliver
J. M. McGhee

Her
Cornelia + McCaskill now Canty
Mark

General Affidavit.

Affiants Should Sign at the End of their Statements. Signatures by Mark Must be Attested by Signatures of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

In the Matter of Cornelia McCaskill, Widow of Silas McCaskill, deceased, Co. — 3rd Reg. U.S.C. Cav

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County
Notary, Justice or Clerk of Court

and State, Isaac Harris, aged 67 about years,
Name of witness.

and James Lefloor, aged about 54 years,
Name of witness.

citizens of the town of ~~Greenwood~~ Greenwood
Post-office address. Give Street and No. if in city or town.

County of Leflore, State of Mississippi

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows: That they Know that Silas McCaskill served in Co — 3rd Reg. of U.S.C. Cav. and they State that they were each members of 3rd Reg. of U.S.C. Cav. and that they were well acquainted with Silas McCaskill.

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

That from information & belief the said James Leflore States that Silas McCaskill was a member of Company K. in said Reg. that he Knew the McCaskill Boys and that they were members of Company K and to the best of his recollection Silas McCaskill was a Member of said Company but that he has no further proof than his memory for the period of almost forty years

Isaac Harris knows that it was generally understood at the time of enlistment that Silas McCaskill had been owned by a man named ~~Allen~~ McGhee and that he was purchased afterward by Mr. McCaskill and that he was sometimes known as Silas McGhee

They both Know that Cornelia McCaskill is the Widow of the man who served in 3rd Regiment of U.S.C.Cav. and known as Silas McCaskill and they now believe that he was a member of Co K. said Reg. but relying on memory for a period of forty years cannot state positively as to the Company he was in. his

Witnesses J C Harris Sr — Isaac x Harris
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J. M. McGhee — James his x Lefloor
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State of Mississippi, County of Leflore SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiants; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiants, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiants are personally known to me; that they are credible person and so reputed in the community in which they reside.

Witness my hand and official seal this 13th day of July 1906.

R. V. Pollard

Notary Public

ADD SEAL HERE.

☞ Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates, names and places as nearly correct as you can, and state how you know what you say to be true.

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

No. 29968

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

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NATHAN BICKFORD,

SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS AND PATENTS,

Washington, D. C.

This is to Certify that Cornelia McCaskill was my slave before the War and was married to Silas McCaskill and lived with him as his faithful wife, up to the time the Federal Army carried him off. He was taken by Col. Coates & Col. Osborn with the Rest of the Colored Men in the year 1864. I will testify that Cornelia McCaskill is the Widow of Silas McCaskill and she has only one child a son, who was five years old when his father was taken. Silas McCaskill died in Military Camp at Haynes' Bluff near Vicksburg, Warren Co. Miss.

Mrs Hendrilla Baugh
Carrollton Miss

Sworn to, & Subscribed before me, this January 23rd 1900.

Same Hoot
Chancery Clerk

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NATHAN BICKFORD,
CLAIMANTS' SOLICITOR,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARRIAGE BOND.

The State of Mississippi(
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Leflore County. (
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Know all menby these Presents, that we,George Canty& Willis Harris of the County of Leflore and state of Mississippi,are held and bound unto the state of Mississippi aforesaid,in the sum of One Hundred Dollars,lawful money of said state,for which payment ,well and truly to be made and performed,we,and each of us do bind ourselves,our heir,executors,administraters and assigns,jointly,severally, and firmly,by these presents,

Sealed with our seals,and dated this 2nd day of Dec.eight een hundred and seventy six.

The conditions of this obligation is such,that,Whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be celebrated between the above bound George Canty and Cornelia McGee,Now if there is no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage,then this obligation to be void,otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed,sealed and delivered in presence of) his
John D.Chickering.) Georgex Canty
mark
his
William x Harris
mark

The State of Mississippi)
Leflore County.)

To any Judge,Minister,Justice,or otherperson lawfully authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony:

You are hereby licensed to celebrate the rites of matrimony between Mr George Canty and Miss Cornelia McGee and for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given under my hand and official Seal,this 2 day of Decr in the year of our Lord,one thousand eight hundred and seventy six

B.F.Mitchell Clerk
By John D Chickering D C

The State of Mississippi)
County of Leflore (
) By virtue of a license from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the said Leflore County,I have have this day celebrated the Rites of Matrimony,between Mr George Canty and and Miss Cornelia McGee.

Given under my hand and seal,this 18 day of Novr A D 1876

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After Harris (seal)
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State of Mississippi :
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Leflore County :

I,the undersigned,Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Leflore,in said state,do hereby certify that the above and foregoing,is a true and correct copy of a marriage license,as fully and completely shown,by the records, on file in my office,as shown on page 222,Marriage Records,No 2 Leflore County Mississippi.

Given under my hand and official seal this 27-day of April A D 1901.

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Circuit Clerk of Leflore County,Miss.

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NATHAN BICKFORD
CLAIMANT'S SOLICITOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Widow of
Silas McCord
Co A 2d Ohio Cav

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

Affiants Should Sign at the End of their Written Statements. Signatures by Mark Must be Attested by Signatures of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

State of Miss
Leflore Co.

In the pension claim of Mrs. Cornelia McCoskill widow of Silas McCoskill

late of K Co. 2nd Reg't U.S.C.C. Vols.

ON THIS 30th day of Sept. A. D. 1901 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Hampton McCoskill aged 68 years,

whose Post-Office address is GREENWOOD, - MISS.

and J. M. McGhee aged 49 (about) years,

whose Post-Office address is GREENWOOD, - MISS.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn, declares each for himself, in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That they Know that Cornelia McCoskill is the widow of Silas McCoskill They Know her when She and Silas lived together as man & wife befor and up to the war and they Know Cornelia McCoskill from the death of Silas McCoskill sometime during the war, about the year 186x, up to the time of her marriage to George County and Know that She was not married to another during that period. She was married to George County about the year 1876 & he has since died & She is now a widow, old and decrepid & unable to earn a living by hard work. They Know that She is the identical person She represents herself to be. They are not interested in the proceeds of this pension

Witnesses

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Hampton McCoskill

J. M. McGhee

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State of Mississippi, County of Leflore, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me on date aforesaid, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiants, including the words printed & not erased and the words of whatever nature added, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiants are personally known to me, and that they are credible persons.

R. V. Pollard
Signature.

Notary Public.
Official Title.

[SEAL.]

It will facilitate settlement of the claim if the authenticating officer certifies in his own handwriting his personal acquaintance with the affiant and as to his or her credibility.

This affidavit may be executed, within the limits of his jurisdiction, before any officer who is authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes.

No erasures or interlineations will be permitted, unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before the execution of the paper.

No. 109968

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

John Wilson et al
Silas McDonald
Cork & Woods

FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,

SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS AND PATENTS,

Washington, D. C.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

Affiants Should Sign at the End of their Written Statements. Signatures by Mark Must be Attested by Signatures of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

In the pension claim of Cornelia McCaskill, No 709.968, widow of Silas McCaskill

late of A Co. 3 Reg't USCav Vols.

ON THIS 10th day of May A. D. 1902 **personally appeared** before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Hampton McCaskill aged 69 years, whose Post-Office address is Greenwood, Miss.

and J. C. Harris, Sr, aged 75 years, whose Post-Office address is Greenwood Miss

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn, declares each for himself, in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

From personal Knowledge he knows that Silas

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

McCaskill and Cornelia McCaskill had five children born to them during the life of Silas McCaskill to wit: Becky Sallie & Millie and Jake & Jack; that all these children (Except Jake) died while they were small and according to his best information and belief they were less than 16 years of age when they died; that affiant Hampton McCaskill is a brother of Silas and that he lived near Silas and was familiar with the facts as to the death of the children but cannot at this time fix the exact dates of their deaths but he is positive that they were very small possibly 4 to 6 years of age not exceeding that age. Jack was about 7 years old when he died. Jake is still living and his post office address is Greenwood, Miss. He is about 38 years old. Jack died since the war and since the death of Silas. The other children died before the war and before the death of Silas.

J. C. Harris, Sr, makes affidavit of his personal knowledge that none of the children of Silas and Cornelia McCaskill lived to reach the age of 16 years except Jake who is still living and is about 38 years old.

Hampton McCaskill
J C Harris Sr

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State of Mississippi, County of Leflore, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me on date aforesaid, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiants, including the words all words erased and the words inserted + added, and acquainted them with its contents before they executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiants are personally known to me, and that they are credible persons.

R. W. Pollard
Signature.

[SEAL.]

Notary Public
Official Title.

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This affidavit may be executed, within the limits of his jurisdiction, before any officer who is authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes.

No erasures or interlineations will be permitted, unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before the execution of the paper.

No. 10968

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Isaac Taylor
vs
Silas McCaskill
et al

FILED BY
NATHAN BICKFORD,
SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS AND PATENTS,
Washington, D. C.

Widow's Declaration for Pension.

State of Miss, County of Lafayette, ss:

ON THIS 7 day of Dec A. D. 189 9 personally appeared before me within and for the County and State aforesaid Cornelia Mc. Caskill, aged 60 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Pension provided by Act of Congress granting pension to widows: That she is the widow of Silas Mc. Caskill, who enlisted under the name of Silas Mc. Caskill at Haines Bluff on the 13 day of Mch. A. D. 18 64, in Co. L. 3d U. S. C. Cav. [Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank, if in the navy.] in the war of Rebellion, who died in service [State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's death to have been the sequence.] on the day of A. D. 18 , who bore at the time of his death the rank of pvt in Co. L, 3d U. S. C. Cav, "In the service aforesaid," or otherwise.

that she was married under the name of Cornelia M Caskill to said Silas Mc. Caskill on the day of A. D. 18 , by Jack Ransom at Caskill place there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married [If either have been previously married so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse.]

that she has to the present date remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all his legitimate children yet surviving, who were under sixteen years of age at father's death, viz:

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That she has not abandoned the support of any one of his children, but that they are still under her care or maintenance. (For such children as are not under her care claimant should account.)

that she has not in any manner engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that no prior application has been filed. by her (If prior application has been filed, either by soldier or widow, so state, giving number assigned to it.)

that she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,

NATHAN BICKFORD, of Washington, D. C.

her Attorney to prosecute her claim; that her residence is No. street and her Post-office address is Greenwood Miss

x Katie R Padell

x M E Rice (Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

Cornelia Mc Caskill her mark (Signature of Claimant.)

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Also personally appeared Katye R Padell, residing at
, and W E Brew, residing at
Greenwood Miss., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and
who, being by me duly sworn, said that they were present and saw Cornelia McCaskill
the claimant sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration;
that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her of
years and years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be;
and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

X Katye R. Padell

X W E Brew

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If either witness sign by X mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.

Signatures of witnesses.

State of Miss., County of Leflore, ss:

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 7 day of Dec, A. D. 189 9,
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration &c., were fully
made known, and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing,
including the words
[SEAL] erased, and the words
added, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this
claim.

W E Williamson
Official signature.

Chancery Clerk
Official character.

NOTE.—This should be sworn to before a CLERK OF COURT, NOTARY PUBLIC OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. If executed before an officer not using a seal, his official character should be certified to by a Clerk of Court, unless there is on file in the Pension Bureau a general certificate, covering his present term, and if said certificate has been filed, he should state so opposite his signature.

No. 6.

Widow's Claim.

Claimant Cornelia McCaskill
Soldier Sulop McCaskill's
Pvt Co K 3 Miss
Service
Lt. U.S.N. Corps
Address

Filed by
NATHAN BICKFORD,
Attorney for Claimant,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Personal signature required.

PAYMENT: $ 12.00

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Soldier S. McCaskill

Co. K, 3 Regt U.S.C. Cav.

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WIDOW'S PENSION.

now McCaskill

Claimant, Cornelia McCaskill nee Caskill

P. O., Greenwood

County, Leflore

State, Mississippi

Soldier, Silas McCaskill

Rank, Private

Company, K,

Regiment, 3. Miss Cav

Rate, $8. per month, commencing May 21, 1864, and
and $2 a month additional for each child, as follows:

By former marriage.

	Born,		
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June	Born,		
	Sixteen,		"

By last marriage.

	Born,		
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	Born,		
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	Born,		
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Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

All pension to terminate December 25, 1876, date of Marriage

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name Nathan Bickford

P. O. City.

Fee, $25. Agent to pay.

Articles filed Jan 12, 1903

APPROVALS.

Submitted for Ill. Ct. June 28, 1902, Alyn E. E.
" " Consideration Dec. 12-1903 F. E. McLaughlin Spl. " Examiner.

Approved for Admission; origin and
continuance of
Death in service accepted
(Lee A. Pyles)
Dec 15, 1903, H. H. Miller
Legal Reviewer.
Dec 21, 1903, J. L. Coughlin
Re-Reviewer.

Approved for ; death resulted
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Medical Examiner. Medical Reviewer.
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Medical Referee.

IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted	February 24,	1864	Former marriage of soldier none,	1
Mustered	,	1	Death of former wife ,	1
Discharged	,	1	Former marriage of claimant none,	1
Died in service	May 20,	1864	Death of former husband ,	1
Declaration filed	Dec 12,	1899	Claimant's marriage to soldier Same,	1
Invalid appl'n filed	none	1	Claimant remarried ~~Dec 25~~ Nov 18,	1876
Invalid last paid to	,	1	November 18.	

Claimant does not write.

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Hon. H. D. Money
E. J.

State of Miss, County of Leflore, ss;

In the matter of pension claim of Cornelia M Corkill widow of Silas M Corkill late of Co L 3rd Reg't Miss Vols.

personally appeared on this 29 day of January A. D. ~~1899~~ 1900, before me a Chancery Clerk in and for the aforesaid county, duly authorized to administer oaths Cornelia M Corkill aged 64 years, whose post office address is Greenwood County of Leflore, and State of Miss who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

I am the wife of Silas M Corkill married him before the war and lived with him until his death. I have never married again my post office address has always been Greenwood Miss. I knew Silas M Corkill 3 years before I married him. Jacks Rawson a minister of the gospel married us. I had no husband before Silas, and none since his death. I had two children by said Corkill. Jake was born in 1869, the younger Jacks was born in 1868 he is dead. Mrs Henrietta Brough owned me until I was set free. I have always been known as Cornelia Mcorkill.

I don't know where my husband was born He lived on same plantation with me & his post office address was Greenwood Miss. The federal troops carried him with them so I don't know where he enlisted. He was about 40 years old when I married him. Field hand Yellow complexion He had no other wife. He was owned by Mrs Henrietta Brough when he married me.

Affiants must not fail to state how they know or how they knew of the facts and circumstances to which they testify.

Marriage

Personal description

I am not interested in said claim nor in its prosecution.

Signature by mark must be attested by two persons who write their names.

1. L. Stoddard

2. W E Williamson

Cornelia M Corkill
Affiant's signature.

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State of Miss, County of Leflore, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by above-named affiant , and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , including the words ..... erased and the words ..... added, and acquainted ..... with its contents before ... She ... executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that she is credible person.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 29 day of January, 1900

[SEAL]

H E Wickham
Signature.

Chancery Clerk
Official Title.

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It will facilitate settlement of the claim if the authenticating officer can certify in his own handwriting his personal acquaintance with the affiant and as to his or her credibility.

This affidavit may be executed, within the limits of his jurisdiction, before any officer who is authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes.

No erasures or interlineations will be permitted, unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before execution of the paper.

Widow's No. 709,965.

Cornelius McCaskill,
Late Pvt Co. D,
9th Regt Miss. S. G. Cav. Vols.

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NATHAN BICKFORD,

CLAIMANT'S SOLICITOR,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

General Affidavit.

Affiants Should Sign at the End of their Statements. Signatures by Mark Must be Attested by Signatures of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

State of Mississippi
Leflore County

In the Matter of Cornelia McCoskill, widow of Silas McCoskill, deceased, Co. - 3rd Reg. U.S. Col Cav.

Personally came before me, a Notary Public & Ex-officio in and for the aforesaid County
Notary, Justice or Clerk of Court

and State, Cornelia McCoskill, aged 67 years, about
Name of witness.

and _____, aged _____ years,

citizens of the town of Greenwood
Post-office address. Give Street and No. if in city or town.

County of Leflore, State of Mississippi

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows: To the best of her knowledge and belief her husband Silas McCoskill served in the Civil War as a member of Co. L. or Co. K of 3rd Reg. U.S. C. Cav She relies on information obtained during the war & since the war from Comrades who served in the same Regiment. She is now old and it has been many years since the war closed and her memory is not very clear.

She believes that her husband is the same person who served in Company K and if she has heretofore stated his Company to have been Co. L. said statement was made on information she gained from his comrades in the same regiment She cannot state of her own knowledge which Company her husband served in.

Her husband was a slave and was owned by a man named Mr. Allen McCoskill and was then known as Silas McCoskill Mr. Allen McCoskill bought my husband from a man named Mr. McGhee and my husband was sometimes called Silas McGhee hence the different names by which he was known.

Witnesses
J C Harris Sr
J M McGhee

her
Cornelia X McCoskill
mark

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State of Mississippi, County of Leflore SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted her with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in no wise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that he is credible person and so reputed in the community in which he reside .

Witness my hand and official seal this 13th day of July 1900.

ADD SEAL HERE.

☞ Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates, names and places as nearly correct as you can, and state how you know what you say to be true.

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes.

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

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NATHAN BICKFORD,

SOLICITOR OF CLAIMS AND PATENTS,

Washington, D. C.

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIMANT.

State of Mississippi, County of Leflore, ss:

In the pension claim of Cornelia McCoskill, widow of Silas McCoskill, late of Co. ..... Reg't ..... Vols.

personally came the claimant above named, who being duly sworn declares that she is the claimant in the above entitled claim, that her Post-office address is Greenwood County of Leflore State of Mississippi and that for the first time her aclaim has just been called to the fact that in her former affidavit she made oath that she had not been married since the death of Silas McCoskill. She was married subsequently to Geo. McCoskill & is now widow of the latter who has been dead about ten years.

Her first husbands name was once Silas McGhee! His name was Silas McGhee before his purchase by Allen McCoskill & after that he was known by both names & some calling him McGhee & some calling him McCoskill. Geo McCoskill was sometimes called by the name of Geo. Coody? The marriage license read Geo Coody instead of Geo McCoskill the correct name. & was a negro slave and when the license was applied for the name of Miss Cornelia McGhee was by mistake given in instead of Mrs. Cornelia McCoskill - negroes being ignorant & not careful in the proper use of names.

Affiants name at present is Mrs. Cornelia McCoskill & she is now old & in need of Governmental aid. She states that she can substantiate all the above facts by witnesses who know the facts as they are stated & all persons concerned therein

Signature by mark must be attested by two persons who write their names.

1. Hampton McCoskill

2. J. W. McGhee

Her
Cornelia McCoskill
Affiant's signature.
mark

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State of Mississippi, County of Leflore, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by above named affiant , and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , including the words written & printed & not erased and the words of whatever nature added, and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me, and that she is credible person .

Witness my hand and seal of office this 1st day of June 1901.

[SEAL]

R. F. Pollard
Signature.

Notary Public
Official Title.

PENSION
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OFFICE.

It will facilitate settlement of the claim if the authenticating officer can certify in his own handwriting his personal acquaintance with the affiant and as to his or her credibility.

This affividavit may be executed, within the limits of his jurisdiction, before any officer who is authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes.

No erasures or interlineations will be permitted, unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before the execution of the paper.

Affidavit of Claimant.

No. 709968

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Late ..... Reg't .....

FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,

Solicitor of Claims and Patents,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Mississippi, County of Leflore ss:

In the matter of Widow O. No. 769968, Silas McCaskill Co. L. 3rd Reg USC Cav.

Personally came before me, a Notory Public in and for the aforesaid County
Notary, Justice or Clerk of Court.

and State, Cornelia McCaskill, aged 65 years,
Name of witness.

citizen of the town of Greenwood (Miss-)
Post-Office address. Give Street and No. if in city or town.

County of Leflore, State of Mississippi

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation

to aforesaid case as follows: I was first married to Silas McCaskill by Mr. Jack Rousone about 8 or 9 years before the war on Allen McCaskies home place, Carroll Co Miss. There was no plantation record kept and the man who said the ceremony is now dead, We were recognized as man and wife up to his enlistment about the 1863 My husband died in the army at Haines Bluff Miss.

I was married again to George McCaskill by Alfred Harris & my said husband died about nine ~~(9)~~ years ago & I am now a dependent widow I lived with Mrs. Amanda Bough one year, with Mr Lee McMillin one year, ~~she~~ with Mrs J.E. Harris one year & am now living on the plantation of Mr W.L. Ray

NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

further declares that she has ~~no~~ interest ~~in~~ said claim ~~and~~ is not ~~concerned in its prosecution~~.

1 J.C. Harris Sr
2 J.M. McGehee

her
Cornelia X McCaskill
mark
(Signature of Affiant)

NOTE.—In the execution of papers and evidence, whenever a person or witness signs by mark (†), two persons *who can write* must attest the signature by signing their names oppposite.
The official before whom papers are executed is *not a competent witness to a mark.* [OVER.]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant ; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant , and acquainted her with its contents before she executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me; that she is credible person and so reputed in the community in which she reside .

PENSION U. S. JUL 18 1901 OFFICE.

Witness my hand and official seal this 1st day of April, 1901

[Sign here.] P. V. Pollard
Notary Public

ADD SEAL HERE.

This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

☞ Write an affidavit just as you would write a letter, stating all the facts, circumstances, dates and places near as you can remember, and if of your own personal knowledge and observation, and state how you know what you say to be true.

No. 709968

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Mary A. Ashell
Silas McAshell
R 2d Indiana

AFFIDAVIT OF

Date of Execution

FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,

CLAIMANT'S SOLICITOR,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT

Affiants Should Sign at the End of their Statements. Signatures by Mark Must be Attested by Signatures of Two Persons Who Write Their Names.

RECEIVED MAY 14 1908 PENSION BUREAU

State of Mississippi, County of Leflore, ss:

In the pension claim of Wid 6 No709968 Silas McCaskill K 3rd Miss Cav

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid
Notary, Justice or Clerk of Court.

County and State, said Cornelia McCaskill, Claimant,
~~Name of witness.~~

whose Post-Office address is Greenwood, Miss.
Give Street and No. if in city or town.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That she is the widow of Silas McCaskill: That ~~at~~ during the lifetime of Silas McCaskill there were born unto your applicant and said Silas McCaskill the following children: Becky, Milly, Sallie, Jake, Jack of these children Becky & Milly died befor Silas went off to the war, and Jack died about two years after the war had closed. Jake is still living and his post office address is Greenwood, Leflore County, Mississippi. He is now about 38 years old. He was born during the war between the States or about the beginning of the war. The other children died when they were young. They were all less than 16 years old when they died.

There is no church record and I had ~~no~~ Midwives whose names were Rachel McCaskill and Peggy McCaskill. They are both dead

Witnesses
Hampton McCaskill
J C Harris Sr

Cornelia her X mark McCaskill

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NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gain a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.

State of Mississippi, County of Leflore, SS:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by above named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words ..... all words ..... erased and the words ..... all words ..... added, and acquainted ..... her ..... with its contents before ..... she ..... executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant ..... personally known to me, and that ..... he ..... credible person.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 10th day of May, 1902.

R. V. Pocock
Signature.

Notary Public
Official Title.

[SEAL.]

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It will facilitate settlement of the claim if the authenticating officer certifies in his own handwriting his personal acquaintance with the affiant and as to his or her credibility.

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No. 19968

CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT.

CASE OF

Silas McCaskill
"K" 2d Miss Cav

FILED BY

NATHAN BICKFORD,

CLAIMANT'S SOLICITOR,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

3–060.

No. 709.968 Widow

WAR DEPARTMENT,

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Silas McKaskell
Co. K 3, Reg't U.S. C. Cav
was enrolled Feb 24, 1864
and Died May 20, 1864
in Regt Hosp at Vicksburg Miss
Born in Knox Pa, Age 45,
Occupation Farmer, Eyes Hair
and Complexion Black, Height
5 ft 4 in

From Enr, 186..., to Death, 186...
he held the rank of Pvt

and during that period the rolls show him present ~~except as follows:~~

Name of owner not of record.
Name Silas McCaskill
has not been found on
rolls of Co K.

The medical records show him treated as follows: as Silas McKaskell, Pr. Co. K, 1 Miss. Cav. A.D., Feb. 27 to Mar. 6, 64. Diarrhoea: as Pr. Co. K, 3 U.S. C. Cav. Mar. 14, 64, Vaccinated: Apl. 12 to May 12 & May 17 to 20, 64. Acute diarrhoea, died May 20, 64. cause, acute dysentery, Incipient phthisis. Nothing additional found.

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PENSION OFFICE U.S. JAN 6 1900

By authority of the Secretary of War:

John Tweedale
Colonel, U. S. Army.

Per Asst'g Chief of Office

Date JAN 6 1900

(COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.)

Write nothing to the left of this line.

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S Div. G.L. Ex'r.

Widow No. 709,968

Cornelia McGaskill Claimant

Silas McGaskill

L 3d Ill. S.C. Vol Cav

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 4, 1900

RECEIVED JAN 9 1900 WAR DEPARTMENT SURVEY

SOUTH DIV JAN 8 1900 RECEIVED

For use in the above-entitled claim for pension you are requested to furnish this Bureau with a full military and medical history of Silas McGaskill.

who, it is alleged, enlisted March 15th, 1864, at Not Stated, as a private in Co. L, 3d Reg't, Ill. S. C. Vol Cav, and ~~was discharged~~ died en the service, 18..., at ~~~~

It is also alleged that on or about ~~~~, 18..., he was disabled by ~~~~

~~~~ and was treated in hospitals as follows:

Please give personal description and name of former owner

Very respectfully,

A. D. Chief Clerk

The Chief of the
RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE,
WAR DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner.

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Wid. O. No 709968

Silas McCaskill

K. 3. Miss Cav

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BURE

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SIR:

In the above-described claim for pension it appears that

Pvt Co K, 3 Reg't Miss Cav

You are requested to inform this Bureau whether a claim

him at the date of his death and, if so, to state the name an

the claim was filed, and whether it has been allowed.

Please return this circular with your reply.

Very respectfu

The AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Treasury Department.

Form 490.

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RETURN SLIP.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE

AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13 *190* 1.

Respectfully returned to the Record and Pension Office, War Department.

In the case of Silas McCaskill, late Pvt., Co. K, 3d U. S. C. Cav., arrears of pay to include May 20, 1864, and $300. bounty, Joint Res., January 13, 1864, were allowed Philip Hart, father, by Ctf. #55913, June 21, 1886. Claimant's post office address, Phoenix, Yazoo County, Miss.

F. E. RITTMAN.

Auditor.

P.C. 709968
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Wid. C. No. 709968

Silas McCaskill

K. 3. N.C. Cav

Ex'r.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., Aug 31, 1901

SIR:

In the above-described claim for pension it appears that Silas McCaskill 2nd McCaskell

A Co. K, 3 Reg't N.C. Cav, died May 20, 1864

You are requested to inform this Bureau whether a claim has been filed for any pay or allowance due him at the date of his death and, if so, to state the name and post-office address of the claimant, when the claim was filed, and whether it has been allowed.

Please return this circular with your reply.

PENSION L SEP 20 1901 U. S. OFFICE.

Very respectfully,

H. Clay Evans

Commissioner.

The AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Treasury Department.

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Office of Auditor For War Department SEP. 3 1901 Records Division.

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E. D. A. Ex'r.

Wid O. No. 709968

Silas McCaskill

Co. K, 3 Reg't U.S.C.Cav

Address your reply to the COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS with reference to this letter.

SOUTHERN DIVISION
CHIEF'S DESK.
JUN 25 1902

Sir:

Please furnish this A
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FORM 263. INDORSEMENT SLIP.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE

AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., June 23, 1902

RESPECTFULLY RETURNED TO THE

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

In the case of Silas McClas-
kill, late Privt Co. K
3 Regiment U. S. C. Cav
Volunteers, a copy of evidence
on file in this Office is
Enclosed

F. E. RITTMAN.

Auditor.

By

Pension Claim No. 709968

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JUN 17 1902
Records Division.

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E. E. A. Ex'r.

Wid C. No. 709968

Silas McCaskill

Co. K, 3 Reg't Md Cav

Address your reply to the COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS and refer to this letter.

SOUTHERN DIVISION JUN 25 1902 CHIEF'S DESK.

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1902

Sir:

Please furnish this Bureau a copy of the evidence on which the claim for back pay and bounty was allowed to Philip Hart as father of above named soldier. by Ctf. No. 55-913. on June 21. 1886.

Very respectfully

B. F. Ware

Commissioner

The Auditor for the War Department

Treasury Dept

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Office of Auditor For War Department JUN 17 1902 Records Division.

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PENSION M JUN 25 1902 U. S. OFFICE.

3—289.
(Old No. 3—446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCaskill nowe ~~McCaskill~~ Canty, No.

On this ____ day of ____, 190__, at ____, county of ____ State of ____, before me, ____, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared ~~Hampton McCaskill~~ continued., who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to h____ during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

Hurietta in town. Aftu a while she married a man named George Canty, or George McCaskell. He went by both names, for he had belonged to Peter McCaskell, brother of the man I worked for. I heard of their wedding, knew of it at the time, but I don't remember date or year. I don't know who married them. I think my sister usually went by name of Cornelia McGhee before she married Canty, for her boy has always gone by name of Jake McGhee. Cornelia has never ~~heard~~ been married to any one but Silas McGhee & George Canty that I ever heard of. She lived with Canty till he died, about ten yeers I reckon, or may be longer ago. Since then she has not married or taken up with or lived with any other man, but has lived with her boy Jake. Cornelia had several other children, but they all died very small but two boys Jake & Jack. Jack died aftu I came back here. No, they were not living down in the swamp when I came back, but up in the hills, and he was buried I think in the old plantation burying ground. I cant tell when that boy died but it must have been about four years aftu the war. Aftu I was discharged I spent two years near Helena, and then one winter in Memphis and then went to Grenada & stayed two years, and then went back to my kinfolks. I came on a visit to my folks the first fall aftu I went to Grenada, and it may have been that he died then. I know I was there when he died at my brother's house. There was no other Silas McCaskill at the time of the war than Cornelia's husband. Some of the children

since then have been named Silas. I can't tell just how old Jake McGhee is. He was a boy of ten or twelve years old, a good sized boy, when I came back to this country. Jack was perhaps two years younger. Silas before he enlisted was a good stout healthy man, but the change from the hill country to the swamps and especially the change in water made lots of the boys sick and many died. I have lived in from three to five miles of Cornelia ever since I came from there.

I have heard the above read and it is correct. I am not interested in this claim. No sir, I never knew Philip Hart, or Tilford Hart. There were two colored men named Philip and Tilford bought by Allen McCaskill at the same time Silas was. Phil was an older man than Silas, but not old enough to be his father, & Tilford was younger. Phil was no kin to either of the boys. & Tilford & Silas were no kin either that I ever heard of. I never heard any name for Phil & Tilford but McCaskill. They went down to Vicksburg at the same time we did. Phil did not enlist, but I think Tilford did. I don't know what became of him. A good many years after the war, some fifteen or twenty years ago, I saw Phil out in the country near where I live. He did not tell me what he was after, but I heard he was trying to get witnesses in regard to the boys, and understood or thought he was trying to help these widows get some money. He was bound to know that Silas was married to Cornelia. He was on the same place. Correctly recorded.

Hampton McCaskill

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th *day of* October, *1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.*

F. E. McLaughlin.

Special Examiner.

3—289.
(Old No. 3—446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCaskill now Canty, No. 709,968

On this 17th day of October, 1903, at Greenwood, county of Leflore State of Miss., before me, F. E. McLaughlin, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Alfred Harris, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

My old mistress says I am now 76 years old. P.O. Greenwood, Miss. Occupation, such farming as I can do. I used to be a preacher too old now. I am a regular ordained Baptist minister, have been since 1867. I served in Co. I - 3rd U.S.C. Cav. in the Civil War. I have known the claimant ever since she was a baby. We were both born & brought up on Gov. Miller's plantation Sumter Dist. S. C. I was bought & brought here by Leflore, and she was bought and brought here with her mother & father by Allen McCaskill. We used to visit back & forth during slavery time. Her mother name Peggy, & father name Adam". "Yes sir, I know Cornelia's husband. His name Silas". He was bought by McCaskill, was a new comer. I did not know him till after he married Cornelia. Cornelia was never married that I ever heard of before she married Silas. I never knew Silas by any other name than Silas McCaskill. Of course he had to take his masters name. I understood he was bought in New Orleans, but I don't know as I ever heard where he came from. Cornelia & Silas lived together as long as I knew them. O yes sir. I saw Silas, this woman's husband in the army. He was in my regiment, but not in my company. I can't remember what company he was in. It was I think he was either in Capt. Osborn's or Capt. Haynes's Co. but I don't know the letter of the company. He was a short bulky kind of man, with a brown face. His boy Jake favors him in color and the shape of his face. Jake has a boy Silas that looks just like his grand father. If Silas had any beard when he went in the army it was mighty light. I heard while in the army that Silas died.

I did not know of it at the time, but heard of it some time later, somewhere near Vicksburg. I don't know whether night in Vicksburg or at Haines Bluff, or where. After I came back here, about 1867, she, Cordelia, and her brother Joe McCaskill, came on the Harris plantation where I was, and this same plantation we are on now. She lived with her brother, and was not married again until she married George Canty. I married them, over here near the bridge, in her brother's house. I can't tell what year it was. "I make an estimation" it was about ten or eleven years after they came off the hill place on this plantation. Yes sir, they had a license. She had gone by the name of Cornelia McCaskill, "Mrs. Silas" up to this time. I don't know what name was on the license. I cannot read. I did not know that Geo. Canty ever went by the name of Geo. McCaskill, though he belonged at one time to Peter McCaskill. No sir, I never heard Cornelia called Cornelia McGhee, I never heard Silas called Silas McGhee. I don't know where Jake got his name McGhee. I reckon he thought his father's name wasn't good enough. I never heard before now that Silas' name was McGhee. Yes sir. I know just as well as I know anything that it was Silas' widow that I married to George Canty. I think it was a man named Aleck Warren who signed my name to the marriage license after I married them. I don't remember what time in the year it was, seems like it was in the fall of the year. I have lived within a mile & a quarter from Cornelia ever since. She lived with Geo. Canty till he died. She has not remarried since his death, has lived alone here. I have never heard any talk about her at all. I don't know anything about her other children. I have heard the above read. We were all brought here from S. C. by Gov. Miller, & after he died, Leflore bought me, & Allen McCaskill bought Cornelia & her folks. Now it is correct. Not related or interested. attest.

J. W. McGhee
J. Mc Ghee

his
Alfred x Harris
mark.
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of October, 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

T. E. McLaughlin.
Special Examiner.

3—289.
(Old No. 3—446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCaskill Mrs Cavity No. 709,968

On this 27th day of October, 1903, at Valley Hiel, county of Carroll State of Miss, before me, F. E. McLaughlin, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared James Leflore, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am about 60 years of age I think. P. O. Address. Valley Hill, Miss. Occupation-farmer. I served in Co. I-3rd U.S.C. Cav. under the name of James Leflore. I had gone by the name of James Stanley before the war, but was enrolled under my master's name, which was Leflore. I did not know Cornelia McCaskill before the war have got acquainted with her since. I did not know her husband Silas McCaskill until we went to the war. We all went to Haine's Bluff near Vicksburg together. There was quite a crowd of McCaskill negroes, about twenty of them I think, & most of them went into Co. K. They all enlisted under the name of McCaskill. Silas & Filford both went into Co. K. I don't know whether Silas & Filford were brothers or not. After we had been at Haines Bluff about a month a battalion four companies including mine, were sent across the Miss. to Goodsell's Landing, & remained about six months. Co. K, stayed behind at Haines Bluff. When we got back the regiment had gone to Vicksburg and we joined it there. Silas was still in the regiment when we got back. Yes sir I am sure of it. for after we got back we went out to Jackson Miss. & thada fought and Silas was in that. That was in July, the next year after we went out. Q. There was no fighting at Jackson in July 1865. The war was over before that time. A. Well it was in July I know. I may be mistaken about the year. Silas died in the service I know, but when he died or where it was I can't remember. I think it was from sickness, but don't know what it was.

Q. When you came back from across the river, Alfred Harris says he was told that Silas was dead. A. Well Alfred was an older man. He may remember better than I, but I certainly thought he was alive when we came back to Vicksburg. I got acquainted with Cornelia after the war when she was living on the Harris place working for her brother Joe. I have known her ever since, have lived in a few miles of her. I don't know what year it was. She married Geo. Canty I heard, but I don't know when. She lived with him till he died, but I can't tell when that was. She has not married since his death. I never knew any of her children but her son Jake McGhee. If she had any others I never heard of them. I don't think she has any property at all, is very poor. I never knew a colored man named Philip Hart, or Philip McCaskill. Silas when he enlisted was a man, wore a beard, was a low heavy set fellow. I can't tell whether yellow or black. I don't think he had straight hair. I don't know whether Tilford was light or dark. Q. The record shows that Silas McCaskill died May 20th 1864, about three months after you were enrolled. How do you reconcile that with what you said about his being alive in Vicksburg when you came back across the river? A. I must be mistaken. But I thought he was alive then, & in that fight. I only knew the one Silas McCaskill in the service or outside. I have heard the above read, and my statements are correctly recorded. No relation. No interest

Witness

J. C. Harris Sr.
only available witness

his
James X Liflore
mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of October, 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F. E. McLaughlin.
Special Examiner.

3—289.
(Old No. 3—446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCaskill, No. 709,968

On this 3rd day of Dec, 190-3, at Leflore's Plantation, county of Grenada State of Miss, before me, F.E. McLaughlin, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Isaac Harris, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 67 years old. P.O. Leflore & Greenwood Miss. I am a farmer. I served in Co I 3rd U.S. Colored Cav. under my own name Isaac Harris, from the spring the company was organized till we were all mustered out together. I knew Si McCaskill, who was in my regiment. I can't say for sure what company he was in, don't remember whether he was in my company or not. We all went down to Haynes' Bluff together, and were sworn in about the same time. We all called him Si. I don't know his full name. Si belonged to Allen McCaskill before the war, and he worked on a plantation adjoining the one I was on. He was a light ginger colored man, low & heavy-set. I heard that Si took sick and died in the hospital in the army, but I can't say if it is true or not. I can't say where he died. Si did not marry or have any woman in the army, when he was with us. I knew Cornelia McCaskill well before the war. She waited on her old master Allen McCaskill. I heard that Si and Cornelia were man & wife, but I was not on that plantation & can't say how they lived. I heard they were married by old man Jack Ransom, a preacher. I heard that before the war. I did not know anything about their children. I just got acquainted with Jake since the war. I knew Tilford McCaskill, another of Allen McCaskill's slaves. He was in the same regiment too, but I don't know what company. He died in the service also. I never heard that he was Si's brother. I heard that McCaskill bought these men

I don't know who they had belonged to before that. I knew old man Phil McLeaskill, a bought man too. No he was not in the army I think, but he went down to Vicksburg when we did. I don't know that he was any kin to Si. I never heard that he was. I never heard him called anything but Phil McLeaskill. He was a big heavy set man, very black, and did not look at all like Si. He did not look like he was old enough to be Si's father, & "I did not claim him for no father when he was here, & nobody didn't say it." I never saw Phil after the war. I lived down near the Harris place ever since the war till a year ago. Cornelia stayed up on the Hill plantation about five miles away for a while, & then came down there. She stayed with her son & her brother Joe McLeaskill till she married George Canty. I don't know what year that was. She lived with George till he died. She has not married again & has not lived with any other man, has been with her son Jake McGhee. I did not know of her having any children but Jake. She has not had any property that I know of. I have heard the above read & it is correct. No kin. No interest

Attest.

Samuel Allen
Lewis Lefbark

His
Isaac X Harris
Mark

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8ad *day of* Dec, *190*2, *and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.*

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Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia M Cooke, No. 709968

On this 17 day of Aug., 1903, at Swanton, county of Bolivia, State of Nebr., before me, M. Whitehead, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Benj. Brown, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am about 65 yrs old. a former-
ly P.O. Swanton. Nebr. Lugn
a member of Co. K. 3 Nebr. Cav.
I am a pensioner. Served one
3 yrs was mustered out June 1866.
I recall a man in my Co. named
Silas M. Cookell. I first
knew & saw him in the service.
He & I enlisted same day &
place. I never knew him by any
other name. He came from up there
in Yazoo River somewhere but I
can't tell the place or his name.
I can't recollect whether or not
he died in service. He was a
dark man near my age seemed
to have been a farmer 5 ft. 8 or 9
in. tall. I can't state whether
or not he had any wife. I can't
recall whether or not he died
in service. He seemed to be stout
healthy in service. If he was
sick in any way I can't
recall it. I have heard claimants'
statements & the record & all in
read but I do not make his
death nor the woman. It was
my impression he was married
out with me. There were several

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McCaskells in the C. I. it may be I have some of them mixed in my mind.

This is correct. notkin no interest:
Attest: his
Benj X Brown
mark Defendt.

J. E. Walker

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of Aug., 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

M. Whitehead

Special Examiner.

Geo. Shook
No. W.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia Mc Goshe, No. 70 5 5 68

On this 17 day of January, 190 3, at Gunnison, county of Bolivar State of Miss., before me, M. Whitehead, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Geo. Shook, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 64 years old. a farmer. P.O. Gunnison. Miss. I was a member of Co. K. 3 Cav. C. Car. I enlisted in Feby 1864 was discharged in Jany 1866. I recall a man in my Co. named Silas Mc Coskill. I first knew and saw him in service He was from up Yazoo River belonged to a Mc Coskill near Yazoo City. I never knew him till I saw him in service. So far as I ever heard or knew he was not married. He was an older man than I was - dark, stout, heavy man - he seemed to have been a farmer. I can't state what became of him. On reflection I think he died in Vicksburg in hospital of diarrhoea - he seemed to be in good health when he was enlisted. I have no idea whether he was married or not. I never heard him called any other name. There were other Mc Coskills in the Co. but I never have seen them since the war.

This is correct. no line thro

entered. his

attest: Geo. x Shook

mark deponent

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J. E. Whitehead
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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of Aug, 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

M. Whitehead

Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCoskie, No. 709968

On this 26 day of Dec., 190 2, at Vicksburg, county of Warren State of Miss., before me, N. Whitehead, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Peter Gray, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 63 years old. a carpenter. Po-
to. Court-Magnolia Ms.. Vicksburg. Miss.
I was a member of C. K. 3 Miss. Col-
Cav - Enlisted in Feby 1864 & was
discharged in 1865 for disability
I well recall a man in my Co.
named Silas McCoskill. I first
knew him in the service. He
came from up near Greenwood on
Yazoo River. was one of a lot of Mc
Coskills who were in my Co. Silas died
in service not long after enlistment
died at Vicksburg. I do not recall
if he had a wife or woman or not or
children. I do not know Cornelia
McCoskill. Silas was a good
deal older man than I do. I
can't state what became of
any of the other McCoskills.
This is correct.

Peter Gray
Deponent

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 *day of* Dec. , *190*2, *and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.*

Special Examiner.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCaskill Now Canty, No. 709,968

On this 27th day of October, 1903, at Carrollton, county of Carroll, State of Miss, before me, F. E. McLaughlin, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Henrietta Baugh, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am nearly 76 years of age. P. O. Address, Carrollton, Miss. I am a housekeeper. I have known Cornelia McCaskill all her life. I was the wife of Allen McCaskill, who owned her. When I was married she was a little girl, and she was brought into the house & waited on me, was my house servant up to the surrender. She had no husband but Silas, a mulatto whom my husband bought in a "nigger yard" in New Orleans. He was not very tall, but rather fleshy. and his hair was curly, not wooly & kinky. He had regular features, more on the white type, & was brown skinned. He was a very amiable fellow & field hand. I don't know where he had lived, nor what his former owner's name was. She and Silas lived together from the time they took up with each other until he went away to the army, and were faithful to each other & had no difficulty, lived agreeably. No, I don't think there was ever any marriage ceremony between them. There hardly ever was, when the negroes took a liking to each other they went to living together. I don't remember that they were married in my house. They had children, I don't remember how many. There were two boys, one of them, the oldest Jake, is living now. I have no record of his age, but from recollection should say he was about nine years old at the surrender. The other boy Jack was I reckon about two years and a half younger. Jack died after the war, I should think about 1868.

Silas went away to the army, with the other slaves. to Vicksburg, and he died there. I don't know what company or regiment he was in. My negroes all went together, nearly thirty of them. Before the war was over we heard that Silas

was dead. Key & Stephen deserted and came home, & told about his death. After the war about all the men who were alive came back home & worked on the plantation. My husband died in 1865, and in the spring of 1866 or 1867 I came to Carrollton, and Cornelia came with me and stayed two years. I have no record of these events and give them from memory. I think that her boy Jack died just a short time after she left me. I have no possible way of fixing the time, but think it was in 1868. Since that time I have not known so much of her. She has been up here occasionally to help me a few days at a time, as a favor to me. But as for her domestic life I know nothing of it except by hearsay. She was always a good woman when she was with me, and I have never heard anything against her reputation. She has nothing in the way of property I understand.

At the time Mr. McCaskill bought Silas, some six or seven years before the war, he bought I think five others. Phil, Tilford, Martin & one or two others I think. Phil was I reckon fifty years old when he was bought, Silas about twenty six, & Tilford about twenty. Phil was a real black one, and was a grand old rascal. His ears had been cropped before Mr. McCaskill bought him, and that was a sign of a very bad negro. Tilford was a dark brown negro. None of these boys were related to Phil. Several years ago I heard that Philip had been up around here among the colored people, and later heard that he had got the bounty & pay that should have gone to Cornelia. I never knew, or don't remember, what Phil's other name was before my husband bought him. I have heard you read the statements of Kizziah Green & Philip Hart in regard to the bounty & back pay. We never had any woman named Kizziah & my husband never bought a woman slave while I knew him. The Nancy named as Philip's wife was one of my girls whom he "married" when she was about seventeen, just before the war & only lived with her about six weeks, & then left her. Philip & Silas & Tilford never claimed to be any kin to each other. Correctly recorded. No interest.

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Harriet X Bailey
mark
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of October, 1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F. E. McLaughlin
Special Examiner.

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(Old No. 3—446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCaskill Rowbanty, No. 709,968

On this 27th day of October, 1903, at Valley Hill, county of Carroll State of Miss, before me, F.E. McLaughlin, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared J.C. Harris Sr., who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am in my 78th year. P.O. Address, Greenwood, Miss. Occupation, retired planter. I have known Cornelia McCaskill ever since she was a little girl. I used to live at Malmaison before the war, and her owner Allen McCaskill was a neighbor of ours, living just across the creek. She was a house servant, I saw her every time I went to McCaskills. I used to know about all of McCaskill's slaves, and remember that Cornelia had a husband named Silas, but it is so long ago that Silas himself has gone out of my recollection. When the fleet came to Greenwood, the Union fleet, early in March 1864, I went to it. At that time Col. Osborne came up through here and took back with him about all of my negro men, those of my father in law, Col. Leflore, and others in the neighborhood. Silas McCaskill went with them, and all went into Col. Osborne's Regiment, the 3rd U.S.C. Cav. or as it was then the 1st Miss. Cav. A.D. I don't know personally about Silas death, but I know he never came back, and it was told by those who did come back that he died in service. Silas had formerly belonged to a man named McGhee, it was stated, but when he enlisted they were all enrolled under the name of the last owner. My slaves took the name of Harris, Leflore's took the name of Leflore, & McCaskills likewise. The only one of Cornelia & ~~Jacks~~ Silas' children living is her son Jake, as far as I know. If they had other children they must have died young. I don't know anything about that. My memory is not very good. I rented my place to one of McCaskill's negroes

Joe, and he got all of his Weaskill kinfolk to work for him, among them Cornelia. She was there with him, according to my recollection till she married George Canty. Geo. used to belong to I think Peter Weaskill, and I have called him Geo. Weaskill, but the colored people called him Canty. It was not long after the war that they came on my place, & she has lived on it ever since, except when she was living with Canty, & then was on the adjoining place. She has never married anyone but Silas, and George Canty, that I ever heard of. She has been living right there on the place and I should doubtless have heard of it if she had. I cannot remember dates any more, & don't know when she married Canty or when he died. She is a worthy old woman, so far as I know, have never heard anything to the contrary. She is very poor has nothing whatever, and only gets what she earns. Her son lets her live in a house on the place which he hires, & lets her work little patches of ground, but she is old & not able to do much. I dont remember that I ever signed an affidavit for her. I recognize the signature you show me as genuine, and the statement I signed there I can safely corroborate. Correctly recorded. No interest. I dont know what company Silas served in.

J C Harris Sr

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th *day of* October, *190*3, *and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.*

F E McLaughlin

Special Examiner.

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(Old No. 3—446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Cornelia McCaskill now Canty, No. 709768

On this 17th day of Oct., 1903, at Greenwood, county of Leflore State of Miss., before me, F. E. McLaughlin, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Jacob M. McGhee, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am some forty odd years old. Don't know my exact age. P. O. Address Greenwood Miss. Occupation—farmer. I am the only living child of the claimant Cornelia McCaskill, now Canty, and the oldest of her children. I don't know whether my mother's mistress, Mrs. Baugh has any record of my age or not. My father was Silas McCaskill, who I have been told was a soldier. but I don't know in what company or regiment. I am old enough so that I can remember my father, but cannot remember his looks except from what I have heard my mother tell of him. I remember when he went off with the Yankee soldiers one Sunday Morning. At least I reckon they were Yankee soldiers. I never saw him again, but since the surrender, when they all came back, I have seen those who were with him, and they have told me he died at Haines' Bluff. Those I have talked with about him were Hamp McCaskill my mother's half brother, Isaac Harris, Jim Leflore, & Steve Harris. These men were all down there with him. After the surrender I came to my mother's brother, Joe McCaskill, on this same plantation, and stayed with him till I was about twenty years old I reckon. My mother stayed with her old mistress, Mrs. McCaskill, three years longer, and cooked for her, and then came to her brothers house also, and stayed with him till she married George Canty. Geo. Canty belonged to Peter McCaskill, a brother of Allen McCaskill who owned my father & mother, and was sometimes called George McCaskill. My mother was most always called Cornelia McCaskill, but sometimes people called her Cornelia McGhee, as my father had been called Silas McGhee. I always took the name of McGhee after I got big enough. My mother

did not marry after my father went away until she married George Canty. It was about 1875 or 1876. I can't remember the day of the month. It was in the fall or winter season. I saw them married by Elder Alfred Harris, a colored minister. They were married at the home of Joe McCaskill on the plantation next to this one. He had moved off the Harris place to the Peter McCaskill place. My mother and George Canty lived together till George died, about half a mile from here. I have no record of George Cantys death. She stayed there one year after his death, and then came here, in the house next to me on this place and has been with me ever since. He died about ten or eleven years ago, in the winter, I think in January. He was carried out into the hills and buried in the negro cemetery on the Peter McCaskill Plantation in Carroll County. All the McCaskill niggers when they die down here they take back to the old plantation and bury them. My mother has not remarried since George Canty died, has been here with me all the time, and has not taken up or lived with any other man. She has no property at all, and has no income whatever but what she gets from me. I am not legally bound to support her, but do so voluntarily. When George Canty died he left her seven head of cattle. They were in a pasture the other side of the rail road, but they got out after she came with me, and got over into Carroll County. They had a stock law in Carroll county, and the man on whose place they went shut them up, and sent word he wanted twenty dollars damages. Mother did not have the money, nor I either, so she had to let them go. That was shortly after she came with me, & since then she hasn't had anything. I had one brother Jack. He was

Jim McGhee

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th *day of* October, *1903, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.*

F. E. McLaughlin

Special Examiner.

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(Old No. 3—446.)

DEPOSITION

Case of Cornetia McCaskiel, No. 709,968

On this ____ day of ____, 190__, at ____, county of ____ State of ____, before me, ____, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Jacob M. McGhee—continued—, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

the next one younger than I. I remember him right well for he got big enough so we used to play together on the old place, Allen McCaskills plantation in the hill country. He died in the hill country, before we came down here. I can't remember whether it was before the war was over or not. I know it was after we were told we were free people, because after we were told we were ~~told~~ free, mother took Jack and me to her brother Joe McCaskill, Her Mistress, Mrs. McCaskill moved off the plantation into Carrollton after her husband died, and my mother went with her and was with her two years in Carrollton, leaving us two boys on the plantation with her brother. After mother came back to her brothers, she was there with him maybe six months, perhaps longer, and during that time, after she came back from Carrollton, before we came down here to the Harris plantation, Jack my brother died. But the day of the month, the month, or the year, I don't know anything about. I don't know just how old Jack was when he died, or how much younger he was than I, or ~~how old~~ how old I was then. The other children that my mother had I can't remember, for I understand they all died soon after they were born.

I have heard the above read and it correct.

J Will McGhee
Deponent.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 17th day of October 1903 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F. E. McLaughlin
Special Examiner.

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this.....*day of*.....,
190....., and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

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Special Examiner.

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CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION .....

Case of Cornelia McCaskill now Canty, No. 709,968

On this 17th day of October, 190 3
at Greenwood, county of Leflore
State of Miss., before me, F. E. McLaurin, a
Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Cornelia McCaskill
now Canty, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. I will leave it all in the hands of the Pension Bureau.

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you *at once* address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C." giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. I will not change my mind.

Q. State the names of the person or persons instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension, and their post-office addresses.

A. I don't know. My son Jake has done it all for me. (Jacke says Nathan Bickford, Washington D.C.)

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

A. I don't know.

Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A. Nothing.

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A. See initial statement.

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim? If so, please state specifically what it is.

A. No.

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A. See original witnesses.

Attest:
J Wm McGhee

her
Cornelia X McCaskill now Canty
mark
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of October, 1903

and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F. E. W. Longhlin
Special Examiner

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Wid. O No. 709.968

Claimant: Cornelia McCaskill

Soldier: Silas McCaskill

P. O. address: Greenwood

County: Leflore State: Miss.

Recommendation: Consideration of the Chief of the Bd. of Review.

F. E. McLaughlin.

Special Examiner.

REFERENCE.

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Respectfully referred to Chief of Board of Review for consideration.

A. L. CRAIG,

Chief, S. E. Division.

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Chief S. E. Division.

RECOMMENDATION.

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Reviewer.

ACTION.

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Commissioner.

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